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FOR SECRETARY AND SCHAUFLE FROM SEELYE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: GHANAIAI GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER CALLS FOR CANCELLA-  
TION OF SECRETARY 'S VISIT

1. REUTERS DESPATCH DATELINED ACCRA APRIL 23 REPORTS STATE OWNED GHANAIAI TIMES CALLED APRIL 23 FOR GHANA GOVERNMENT TO FIND DIPLOMATIC WAY OF DEFERRING SECRETARY'S VISIT. TIMES REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WAS GENERAL AND GENUINE FEAR VISIT WOULD STRAIN RELATIONS WITH US AND OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS. REUTERS QUOTES TIMES AS STATING QUOTE IT IS NOW AN OPEN SECRET THAT THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT IS TO PERSUADE AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO DENOUNCE CUBAN AND SOVIET PRESENCE IN AFRICA - THE VERY SOURCES OF STRENGTH WHICH HAVE MADE VICTORY OVER IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE POSSIBLE. CERTAINLY SUCH A VISIT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO THE INTERESTS OF THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN ZIMBABWE IS POISED FOR AN OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH IMPERIALISM UNQUOTE.

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2. COMMENT: GHANAIAI TIMES IS OWNED BY GHANA GOVERNMENT AND DOES RECEIVE EDITORIAL DIRECTION FROM MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. HOWEVER, EDITORS ARE PERMITTED CONSIDERABLE

FREEDOM AND OCCASIONALLY EXPRESS OPINIONS NOT SANCTIONED BY GOG (USUALLY BEING DRESSED DOWN AFTERWARD BY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OFFICIALS). PATTERN OF THESE EXCEPTIONS TO APPROVED POLICY INCLUDES GREATER MILITANCY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND MORE HARSH CRITICISM OF WEST THAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ENDORSE. IN ABSENCE ANY HARD INTELLIGENCE IMPOSSIBLE SAY FROM WASHINGTON WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THIS CASE, BUT AF BELIEVES IT MORE LIKELY TIMES ARTICLE REPORTED BY REUTERS REPRESENTS PRIVATE OPINION TIMES EDITORS THAN CHANGED GOG POLICY TOWARD SECRETARY'S VISIT.

3. FOR ACCRA: EMBASSY'S ANALYSIS REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY. SISCO

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